



## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** Bus Boy 2 Blowdown timber Sale, Application #30-082789 and the attached Forest Practice Application #2609852 is a two unit sale encompassing 10 acres of harvest. Unit one is a five acre blowdown harvest and unit two is a five acre variable retention harvest. Approximately 202 mbf of timber will be removed with this timber sale.

**Description of mitigation:** The following Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) procedures apply:

Northern Spotted Owl: (Procedure PR-14-004-120)

Unit 1 is considered structural habitat according to the OESF Northern Spotted Owl habitat model. Guidelines from the, *Interim Direction for Addressing Blowdown in Northern Spotted Owl Habitat* (January 2009), were utilized during sale layout. Fifteen percent, or 0.92 acres, of the blowdown will remain in an undisturbed state, 10% coverage of large coarse wood ( $\geq 20''$ ) will be maintained, and all sound standing timber and legacy down wood will remain within the harvest area. These activities are designed to move the stand back on an optimal trajectory toward quality spotted owl habitat.

Unit 2 is under 50 years of age and is non habitat according to the OESF NSO Habitat Model. They will not be subject to the acreage limits in the OESF's interim HCP implementation procedure for northern spotted owls (PR-HCP -021(e)).

Marbled Murrelet: (Procedure PR-14-004-320)

Unit 1 was classified as habitat according to the HCP-approved definition for marbled murrelet habitat, but due to the blowdown it is currently non habitat. A variance, dated May 8, 2007, was granted to remove the blowdown timber for the original Bus Boy Blowdown timber sale. This proposal falls within the same footprint as the original sale, and the guidelines set forth in the previous variance will be utilized. No operations will be allowed from 1 hour before to 2 hours after official sunrise, and from 1 hour before to one hour after official sunset during the period of April 1 through August 31 to meet requirement of the daily peak activity period for marbled murrelets during their critical nesting period.

Unit 2 is non habitat according to the OESF Marbled Murrelet Habitat Model.

Slope Stability: There are no unstable slopes in this proposal.

Riparian and/or Wetland Management Zones (RMZ/WMZ): (Procedure PR-14-004-160)

There are 2 RMZs associated with this sale which are located in unit 2, there is a 0-10 interior buffer and 50' exterior buffer on these type 4 streams. No harvest will take place within the exterior buffer.

Retention Trees:

All standing timber will be left in Unit 1 as well as a 0.92 acre (15% of the net harvest acreage) leave area. Unit 2 has 8 retention trees per acre totaling 42 retention trees.

Roads:

There is no new construction associated with this harvest.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources – Olympic Region

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:**

This proposed timber sale is located 16 road miles south of Forks, Washington off Hwy. 101 and the H-2000 road system. It is located in Section 28, of T27N, R12W, W.M.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

☒ **This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from May 5, 2009. Comments must be submitted by May 19, 2009.**

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**There is no agency SEPA appeal.**

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